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BHARANI FESTIVAL AT KODUNGALLUR—ENQUIRIES REGARDING

10. Mr. M. K. Raja *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether and if so, what effective steps they have taken to stop the practice of singing obscene songs in public resorts, carriages, roadways, etc., by the Pilgrims proceeding for the Bharani Festival of Kodungallur;

(*b*) whether the Government contemplate banning the animal sacrifice on a colossal scale in public on the occasion of this festival;

(*c*) how many persons were proceeded against for singing objectionable songs in public places during the last Bharani Festival?

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu *(Chief Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Section 270 of the Cochin Penal Code penalises the singing of obscene songs in or near any public place. That provision by itself is adequate to prevent the singing of obscene songs by Bharani Pilgrims. But by Notification No. 136, dated 28th Kumbham 1106, Government have further expressly prohibited the singing of obscene songs in public. With a view to remind the Pilgrims of the prohibition, Government issued a Press Note before the festival, drawing the attention of the Bharani Pilgrims to the fact that the singing of obscene songs in any public place except the precincts of the Cranganur temple is punishable.

(*b*) The matter will be considered in relation to all relevant circumstances.

(*c*) None.

SUGAR—DISTRIBUTION OF

11. മിസ്റ്റർ ആർ. എസ്സ്. തേവണ്ണ കവുണ്ടർ: താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്ക ബഹു മാനപ്പെട്ട ഗവൺമെണ്ടിൽനിന്നും സദയം മറുപടി പറയുമോ.—

(എ) റേഷൻകാർഡുപ്രകാരം മുഴുവൻ പഞ്ചസാരയും ഗവൺമെണ്ടിൽനിന്നും വിതരണം ചെയ്യുന്നുണ്ടോ;

(ബി) പകുതിവീതം കൊടുത്തു ബാക്കിവരുന്ന പഞ്ചസാര കൂടുതൽ വിലക്കു വില്ക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ;

(സി) ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ എന്തുവിലക്കാണു വിറ്റവരുന്നതു?

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. ഗോവിന്ദമേനോൻ:

(എ) ഉവ്വു.

(ബി) ഇല്ല.

(സി) ഉത്തരം ആവശ്യമില്ല.

TRAINING OF NURSES

12. Mr. K. I. Velayudhan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what is the amount of security obtained from nurses under training;

(*b*) are there any nurses from the Depressed Classes;

(*c*) if there are, how many?

Rao Bahadur T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Public Health):*

(*a*) Rs. 696 in cash or immovable property worth Rs. 1,400.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Three.

CATTLE FODDER—SCARCITY OF

13. Mr. Paramel Ipe Ipe *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state what action has the Government taken to relieve the extreme scarcity of cattle fodder like bran, etc., at Kunnamkulam?

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Minister for Revenue):* There is scarcity for bran and other items of cattle-food all over the State, and this scarcity is not peculiar to Kunnamkulam. In view of the extreme scarcity of rice bran in the State Government have taken steps to get down 500 tons of wheat bran from outside. When this consignment comes, a portion will be allowed to Kunnamkulam. The bran produced from Government paddy milled in Talappalli Division is made available to the consumers at controlled rates. There is also ban on the export of bran from the State. Inferior broken rice unfit for human consumption is also arranged to be sold through Co-operative Fair Price Shops. Besides these, cocoanut oil cake is also arranged to be sold, according to availability of stock.